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DEA PASS TO F. DICK MIAMI REG

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SUBJECT: INCINERATOR FOR BAHAMAS POLICE FORCE

REF: STATE 105885, NASSAU 0587 AND 0731

1. DEA MIAMI HAS RECOMMENDED S/NM FUNDED PURCHASE OF A
MODEL 600 INCINERATOR TO DISPOSE OF MARIHUANA FOR THE GCOB.

2. REFTTEL REVIEWED MERITS OF PROPOSAL, TECHNICAL ASPECTS,
ORIGINAL COSTS, SUPPORT COSTS TO BE FUNDED BY GCOB AND
COMMITMENT TO PROVIDE SUPPORT FUNDING.

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3. DEA, MIAMI IN RECOMMENDATION ADVISES SALARY COSTS OF

SUPPORT FUNDING IS NOT A CONSIDERATION IN VIEW OF GCOB POLICE PLANS TO USE EXISTING POLICE RESOURCES. ADDITIONALLY, BAHAMAS POLICE ADVISED DEA MIAMI THAT COST AND AVAILABILITY OF FUEL WOULD NOT BE A PROBLEM.

4. MODEL 600, BASED ON ORIGINAL TECHNICAL PROPOSAL PROVIDES A BURN RATE OF 450 POUNDS PER HOUR AT AN ACQUISITION COST OF \$17,600 WITH ESTIMATED MONTHLY OPERATING COST OF \$2,800 AND AN ESTIMATED FIVE YEAR COST OF \$144,000 TO \$170,000. THE ONGOING SUPPORT COSTS CONSIST OF ESTIMATED CHARGES FOR OIL, ELECTRICITY, MAINTENANCE AND OPERATOR'S SALARY. IF

EXISTING POLICE RESOURCES ARE DIVERTED FROM OTHER DUTIES, A SUBSTANTIAL COST REMAINS THAT MUST BE BUDGETED BY THE BAHAMAS POLICE FOR EFFECTIVE OPERATION.

5. DANGEROUS DRUGS ARE DISPOSED OF USING INCINERATORS IN THE U.S., BUT TO OUR KNOWLEDGE, THEY ARE NOT SPECIALLY DESIGNED INCINERATORS. ALTHOUGH WE REALIZE FULLY THE PROBLEM OF DISPOSAL OF LARGE AMOUNTS OF SEIZED MARIHUANA FOR THE BAHAMAS POLICE AND KNOW THAT THEIR COOPERATIVE EFFORTS IN NARCOTICS CONTROL BENEFIT THE UNITED STATES, WE MUST INDICATE CANDIDLY THAT APPROVAL OF ASSISTANCE FUNDS FOR THIS PROJECT DOES NOT AROUSE MUCH ENTHUSIASM IN VIEW OF OTHER WORLDWIDE PRIORITIES.

6. REFTTEL 0731 INDICATED EMBASSY DOUBTED GCOB WOULD BE WILLING TO PROVIDE SUPPORT FUNDING AT LEVEL INDICATED.

WE ASSUME THAT BAHAMAS POLICE DO NOT THINK THAT A DEFINITE COMMITMENT HAS BEEN MADE IN THIS MATTER. NO LAINCC APPROVAL HAS BEEN GIVEN TO DATE TO THIS PROJECT. IF EMBASSY PERCEIVES SERIOUS PROBLEM BECAUSE OF MISUNDERSTANDING, PLEASE ADVISE WITH RECOMMENDATION. OTHER LESS COSTLY MEANS OF DISPOSAL (ESPECIALLY FOR THE GCOB) SHOULD BE GIVEN APPROPRIATE CONSIDERATION. PLEASE PROVIDE LATEST EMBASSY POSITION ON THIS MATTER. KISSINGER

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